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Applicant : Makoto TAKEUCHI et al.

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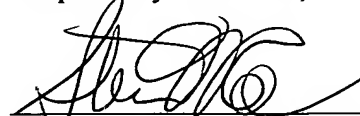
Sir:

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Attached are copies of three publications, which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also attached is an English-language abstract of the Japanese Publication No. 02-195987 from which any relevance of the publication may be gleaned. Enclosed please also find an English translation of the pertinent parts of the Japanese Publication No. 63-109900 and an English translation of the pertinent parts of the Japanese Publication No. 2-112284 from which any relevance of the publications may be gleaned.

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